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OF THE

CLEAR CREEK

Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH THE

Baptist Church at Houston

Winston Co., Alabama

October 2, 3, and 4, 1897

Moderator, THOMAS P. SOUTHERLAND, Delmar, Ala.

Clerk, DAVID S. McCULLAR, Motes, Ala.

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Friday before the first Sabbath in
October, 1898

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American Baptist Publication Society

MINUTES,

The 23rd Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church at Houston, Ala., Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October 1897. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Thomas P. Southerland. Text: Romans, 12th chap., 4th and 5th verses. The sermon was well delivered and very pointed, after which an intermission of one hour was given for refreshments.

The body re-assembled in the church house. Call to order by Eld T. M. Martin, the moderator. Prayer by District Evangelist, J. W. Sandlin.

The Moderator then called the names of the churches composing the Association. The letters from the various churches, as the names were called, were placed on the table. Brothers G. B. Lester and N. H. Estis were appointed reading clerks, who proceeded to read the letters. Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

UNION GROVE—Eld G. W. Davis, S. M. Weaver, T. P. Weaver,
SARDIS, No. 1—T. M. Martin, Thomas Hill, G. B. Barton,
ROCK CREEK—J. N. Curtis, G. W. Shipman, E. B. Welborn.
MACEDONIA—T. P. Southerland, J. T. Harris, L. A. Cummings.
LIBERTY GROVE—J. K. P. Taylor, F. M. Willis, D. B. Flemmings.
SHILO—A. L. Manasco, Thomas Riddle, Johnson Riddle,
NEW PROSPECT—Anderson Ward, J. A. Before, J. H. Stephens,
GUM POND—G. W. Boyle, J. K. Anderson, M. E. Owens,
CONCORD—Not represented.
BETHLEHEM, No 2—N. Posey, W. F. Ray.
MOUNTAIN SPRING—A. J. Spiller, J. T. Deleshaw, S. D. Prewett.
LOW GAP—John D. Bâtler, J. J. Butler, J. M. Ward,
BETHEL, No 2—W: L. Hicks, R. O. Hicks, P. D. Hicks,
BETHSADIA—B. A. Dye, James Tidwell, W. N. Taylor,
SALEM--Not represented.
PLEASANT HILL--W. B. Thomas, C. Ballinger, F. M. Martin,
HOUSTON--J. R. Stewart, T. D. Wilson, W. H. Blackwell,
DOUBLE SPRINGS—Not represented.
NEBO—G. B. Lester, F. M. Lester, J. V. Watts.
FAIRVIEW—S. McCollum, J. H. McCellum, G. W. McCellum,
CORINTH—Eld J. Curry Coöper, J. B. Hilton, J. P. Wise,
BLOOMING GROVE—J. H. Smith, N. H. Estis, W. B. Durham,
BETHEL No 1—Not represented.
OAK GROVE—D. S. McCullar, W. W. Lester, N. A. McCullar,
Mt. ZION—Y. M. Ivy, J. H. Ivy, Allen Williams,
FRIENDSHIP—J. B. Sims, L. W. Hays, H. A. Wright,
ENMON FIELD—J. T. Hearren, J. L. Huckabee, J. J. Wilkins,
UNION—W. T. Christian, T. S. Robinson, Wm Barnett,
SARDIS, No 2—Not represented.
Mt. OLIVE—
BETHLEHEM, No 1.—W. P. Salter, B. F. Atkins, A. E. Humphries,

After the enrollment of the churches and delegates, the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for business. The first business in order was the election of officers. The body proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the next associational year, by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Eld T. P. Southerland, Moderator, and D. S McCullar, Clerk. J. W. Sandlin, and James Hilton acting as tellers.

The order of business as printed in the minutes of last year was adopted as the order of business for this session.

Call for petitionary letters from newly constituted churches.

Received from Clear Creek Church a petitionary letter, with her messengers, H. L. McCrary, R. J. Mayfield, E. Henson.

Received from Orange Church, petitionary letter with messengers, B. G. Ray, J. D. Gaines, A. M. Davis.

Received from Trinity Church, petitionary letter with messengers, Ira Burleson, J. Howard, W. O. Southern.

The above churches being organized according to Baptist faith and practice, all were received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Call for correspondence from sister associations. Received from Mussel Shoals—Rev J. W. Sandlin,
Cullman Association—Brother Gay,
North River Association—Eld James Hilton, Eld E. Brown.

The brethren were invited to seats in council with the body.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:
On Devotion—T. J. Nannelly, G. W. Hilton, J. A. Defore with the Deacons of Houston Church.

On Finance—L. A. Cummings, W. P. Salter, S. McCollum.

On Nomination—N. H. Estis, J. J. Butler, J. D. Gaines.

Call for report on Devotional Exercise. Report received as follows:
Brother G. B. Lester to conduct prayer meeting Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Eld J. W. Sandlin to preach at 11 o'clock, followed by Eld James Hilton.

Adjourned until Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock.

Sabbath morning met according to adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by G. B. Lester. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld J. W. Sandlin, to a large and attentive congregation. Much good by the sermon was manifested. Preaching at 1:30 p. m., by Eld James Hilton which resulted in a good discourse and deep sentimental feeling and handshaking by the brethren. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday morning, Oct., 4th 1897, met according to adjournment. Prayer by Moderator Southerland. The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Credentials,—R. J. Mayfield, J. J. Butler, Nathaniel Posey,

Aged Ministers,—G. B. Barton, B. A. Dye, A. H. Lay.
Vocal Music,—N. H. Estis, T. J. Nunley, J. A. Defore,
On Documents—J. C. Cooper, J. T. Harris, J. V. Watts.
Call for Reports of Committees in the order named:

Report of Committee on Finance:

Funds reported as follows.	Minute funds	\$ 20.70
	Associational funds,	5.65
	Foreign missions,	4.05
	Home Missions,	2.23
	Aged ministers.	,25
	State missions,	.25
		—
		\$ 33.13

L. A. CUMMINS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Aged Ministers.

We, your committee on Aged Ministers have made an investigation of the aged ministers in the bounds of this Association and find one in need of assistance—David Carroll. We recommend that this Association assist this brother, and that the pastors of the various churches lay the matter before the churches and urge this duty upon them when they return home. Respectfully submitted, A. H. LAY, Chairman.

Report on State Missions:

Your Committee on State Missions submit the following report: The State Board of Missions of Alabama State Convention is carrying out the command of the Lord in sustaining and helping to sustain the Gospel in the center of population and in the destitute portions of the state. Years of experience have shown the wisdom of the course pursued by the State Board. God has set the seal His approval on it. Strong, self-sustaining churches have been built up whose light cannot be hid. The most liberal contributors to missions in Alabama today are churches that only a few years ago were built by the State Mission Board. Those churches while being helped were required to take regular collections for mission work, and they were led to test the truthfulness of the Lord saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We recommend a contribution from this body and a cordial co-operation of the churches and entire association with the State Mission Board.

Fraternally submitted, D. S. McCULLAR,
S. C. COOPER, Committee.

Report on Home Missions.

Dear Brethren: Considering the increasing population, and immigration crowding in upon our shores, this makes us feel our responsibility to those people to meet them with the true gospel of Jesus. There are others of our own native people without the Gospel, needing our help. Will you, as Baptists, turn a listening ear to their cry, and when you hear, heed, and when you heed, respond? And as we consider that we

are the people who are responsible for the carrying out of the Lord's command, "Go ye (the Church by your means and ministers) into all the world and preach the gospel." O, may the Holy Spirit rule in our hearts and lives until it will be our meat and drink to do our Master's will!

Evidently the great majority of those converted on the Day of Pentecost were Jews and proselites dwelling in foreign lands and speaking in foreign tongues. What amused the multitude was that every man heard in his own tongue wherein he was learned, the wonderful news of God. These were the men who gladly received the word, who were baptised and added to the church. Many of them, perhaps, had heard little of Jesus until that day; their souls panted for the knowledge as the hart panteth for the water brooks. In returning home and to their native country they were to tell God's message to their own families and countrymen that they might know of Jesus and tell the story of His life and love to others. To gain this knowledge they must remain in Jerusalem. There was none from whom they could obtain this but from the disciples of Jesus. This plan was adopted. They continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrines daily with one accord. They gave themselves first to the Lord, and then to each other by the will of God. The result was sending back to those far off countries many well instructed disciples. This was the early spread of Christianity in the distant countries, and the preparation of many people for its reception. It was seed widely sown. Tho' much of it seemingly perished, here and there it sprang up unto a harvest of beauty and life. How long these people remained in Jerusalem we cannot tell, but it is certain that it was until the necessities of these people were supplied. In order to meet the needs of these men they sold their possessions and parted, or divided, them among the whole body according to their needs. This is the first example of contribution, or Christian giving under the gospel dispensation. The second followed shortly after when the distribution of arms became so burdensome that seven men, generally called Deacons, were appointed to attend to the serving of tables. The third was when famine and great distress fell upon the saints of India. Collections for their relief were taken in the gentile church. The fourth was when Paul was carried a prisoner to Rome as a representative of Christianity for more than two years, awaiting the result of his trial.

We propose, in brief, to array the practice developed by each of these occasions and to show the Christian love in those early days was an active principle which manifested itself in the largest offerings. Thus the Master's name was glorified by relieving the temporal necessities of His people. Behold, how the Christians love each other! was the astonished cry of the heathen nations. Dear Brethren, are we as loyal to the teachings of the Bible as those people? If not, may we speedily learn to do our Master's will. Brethren, if you have not already enlisted in this great work why not now give Jesus your time and a part of your means, for he requires it?

Within the last ten years the Baptist churches have increased in number from 38522 to 45802; an average of 728 per annum. Baptist ministers have increased 23770 to 31572, an average per annum of 620. The increase of Baptist membership for ten years is about 31 per cent. The average work of the Home Mission Board per year for the last five years has been as follows. Missionaries employed, 391; Baptized, 5165; additions, 10807; Churches constituted, 167. Houses of worship, 72; Money expended, \$14240.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. COOPER,

N. A. McCULLAR,

W. P. SALTER, Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions,

We, your committee on Foreign Missions would report as follows: We have no statistics at hand, but we learn our foreign work is a success. That a door is now opened to us in all foreign lands, and that we ought to go in and possess the same. We learn the Foreign Board is in a healthy condition, and out of debt. Now, as God gave the Baptists the order to preach the gospel to every creature in the world, we ought to obey. Let us use all the means we can and help to take the world for Christ.

Respt., submitted. G. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath schools,

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following: We find but few of our Churches, according to number, report any Sabbath or Bible schools in our bounds. Brethren, this ought not to be. We recommend the use of our Denominational literature or lesson helps, published at Nashville, Tenn., and Atlanta Ga. Our people often fail to teach the Bible as they ought. We recommend that each church in our bounds organize a Sabbath School if they have none. Brethren, if we fail to teach our children the truth, others will take hold and teach them what we call spurious doctrines. Brethren, let us be true to ourselves and to our children, loyal to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to the Church—studying and teaching the word to our little ones—tell them of His love who died for us—for in them we think we have eternal life.

Respect submitted, J. K. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report on Temperance,

Your committee on Temperance submit the following report: Intemperance is a monster. It becomes the master of those who falls a victim to its destroying influence. In later years has destroyed more lives than war, pestilence and famine. The demon Alcohol sends more people to the insane assylum, the penitentiary; causes the shedding of more tears, breaks more hearts and seperates more families, and starves more children, converts more human beings into demons, sends more souls to hell, does more meanness in thousands of other ways than tongue can tell. Its extermination is the only remedy. Respectfully submitted:

W. T. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

First District report,

The next meeting of this body is to convene with Union Grove Church on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August 1898. Eld T. P. Southerland to preach the introductory sermon, W. W. Davis, alternate. Eld G. W. Davis, to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, B. F. Shank, alt.

Questions for Discussion. 1. Who were the witnesses that lay in the streets 3 days and a half? Discussion opened by G. W. Davis. 2. Do we, as Missionary Baptists have the right to receive members from the so-called Primitive

Baptist church on their baptism? If not, why not? Discussion opened by B. F. Shank. 3. Have we the authority from Divine Writ to hold a restricted communion? Discussion opened by T. P. Southerland.

We locate the next annual session of Clear Creek Baptist Association with New Prospect church.

G. W. DAVIS, Moderator.

H. B. SIMS, District Clerk.

2nd District report,

This body is to convene at the following times and places for the next Associational year: Bethel, No. 1, Friday before the 5th Sunday in Oct 1897.

Questions: 1. Are the Baptists a peculiar people? If so, in what respect? Discussion opened by J. C. Cooper. 2. What is covetousness spoken of in the Bible? Discussion opened by Wilson Daily. 3. Who organized the first Baptist church in America? Opened by G. W. Gibson. 4. What does it take to constitute a Missionary church? Discussion opened by D. S. McCullar.

The second meeting to convene with the church at Enmonfield, Friday before the 5th Sunday in January 1898. The 3rd meeting to convene with Bethlehem No 1, Friday before the 5th Sunday in May 1898. The 4th meeting to convene with Union Church, Friday before the 5th Sunday in July 1898.

G. W. HILTON, Moderator,

D. S. McCULLAR, District Clerk.

Report on Nomination,

Your committee on Nomination submit the following: Eld G. W. Gibson to preach the introductory sermon at next Association; Eld Wilson Daily, alternate.

N. H. Estris, Chairman,

The Moderator appointed a committee of five: J. C. Cooper, J. T. Harris, J. V. Waits, W. W. Lester, H. L. McCrary, on documents, to answer the querries sent up from Bethel church, No 2:

Answer to 1st question: A church has no right to admit a sinner's evidence alone against a member. To 2nd Question: It takes a motion in order and a vote of the Church to make a charge against a member, then a majority has no right to vote it out without investigation. To 3rd Question: We have no such right.

J. C. Cooper,
J. T. Harris
H. L. McCrary
W. W. Lester
J V Watts

Committee

Report on Ministerial Education,

We your committee to whom was referred the subject of Ministerial Education regret that this part of the work does not receive the support from the churches it should. It saddens us to know that there are so many God-fearing men who are opposed to the education of young ministers. They say whom God calls he qualifies. They overlook the twelve Apostles whom Jesus chose, tho' they were illiterate men yet they were taught for three years by the best Teacher the world ever knew, consequently were educated before they began their life work. The

Apostle Paul was an educated man. He did not use his learning to make a show but to simplify the truth. So now those who are called of God into the ministry and have received an education are only the better qualified to glorify God, and to do good to their fellow man. Another fact that is forgotten, is that these ministers who have never gone to college or had the advantage of higher education, are by no means uneducated men. They have studied at home and by associating with men who were educated, have gained knowledge that enables them efficiently to preach the gospel. But what they have they have been almost a life time in obtaining which might have been acquired in much less time, had they been educated. The cry comes from many that education sometimes ruins ministers. It may ruin men who profess to be ministers, but never, in our opinion, a man truly called of God. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to study to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth. Brethren of the Clear Creek Association by all means let us educate our young ministers. The cause of Christ needs strong men intellectually, morally and spiritually.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. Hilton,
B. G. Ray,
J. W. Barton,
N. H. Estes,
D. S. McCullar.

Report on Vocal Music,

We your committee on Vocal Music submit the following. There is a good interest taken in our bounds, so far as we know at present, yet there is room for improvement. We recommend that teachers and leaders of this Association take up and use the old Sacred Harp and Christian Harmony more than they have of late years. Quite a number of our Churches and Associations are calling for the music of these books, as the music and meters are more adapted to our Hymnal work. Singing with the spirit and understanding, is a part of the worship of God. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. Estis,
T. J. Nunley,
J. A. Before, Committee.

Report on Denominational Education,

Your committee appointed at the last session of this body to report on Denominational Education, submit the following: Never before in the history of our church has the need of Denominational education become so apparent as now. Never the opportunity of pulpit and press to educate as at present. People inside the church and outside are reading more and thinking more upon religious matters and the inquiry is, "what is truth?" is heard on every hand. An honest desire to follow Jesus is the desire of every new convert's life. Old and young are desirous for the truth as never before. This is the age of scientific conclusion on one hand or evangelistic murmur on the other. It remains alone for the church of Jesus Christ to take higher grounds, and by its pulpit, denominational papers and in its colleges and schools to publish fearlessly to the world the grand fundamental doctrines of our Baptist faith. We, as Baptists, know we are right, and knowing this, our duty is plain. We must educate our young men and women,

We daily hear the most sacred of our principles attacked. In missions and close communion seems to be the points ridiculed by other denominations and the world; and how often does the ears of the uninformed Baptist tingle with disgust as he hears his church maligned and laughed at and he knows so little of the history of its Biblical foundation he cannot resent or hold argument God has furnished the instrument for this education--first of all He has given the Bible; it is the best educator for Baptists. Also he has given us colleges and schools as a medium of education. We ought to support denominational schools. We feel proud of our seminary at Louisville, Ky, and the army of young giants who have been equipped to battle for God. We thank God that the Judson at Marion is out of debt, and that our Howard is safe, and the education of Baptist are on a higher plane than ever before. We believe every Baptist parent having sons or daughters to educate should send them either to Howard or the Judson if able to do so. We realize that all Baptist cannot send to the Seminary to Howard or to Judson and we note with pleasure that there is a denominational school nearer home where every one can attend cheaply and without inconvenience--one located at Elbridge Ala is now ready to receive students, and one at Danville, Ala. We cannot speak too highly of Sabbath schools and Baptist Young People's Unions as educators. We believe that parents should accompany their children to the Sabbath school and encourage them. How God has blessed us in ways whereby we may impart Baptist education! Above all do not neglect home education, for its influence is great. In the language of one who has long since gone on before: "We must educate! We must educate or perish by our own prosperity!" Respt, submitted. G. B. LESTER, Chairman.

Report on Credentials,

We, your committee, report the following ordained and licensed ministers belonging to this Association:

Union Grove—W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, ordained.
Corinth—J. C. Cooper, S. C. Cooper, ordained.
Liberty Grove—J. K. P. Taylor, ordained; J. M. Taylor licensed.
Pleasant Hill—C. Ballinger, ordained.
Oak Grove—T. S. Kuykendall, ordained.
Fairview—D. Carroll, ordained.
Macedonia—T. P. Southerland, J. T. Harris, ord; J. Southerland, lic.
Bethel, No. 2—W. L. Hicks, ordained.
Salem—B. F. Shank, ordained.
Nebo—J. W. Hood, ordained; W. G. Towers, licensed.
Sardis, No. 1—T. M. Martin, ordained.
Gum Pond—A. L. Anderson, Jesse Borden, ordained.
New Prospect—J. W. O'Kelly, ord; N. J. Drewry, licensed.
Blooming Youth—G. W. Gibson, A. H. Lay, ordained.
Bethlehem, No 2—J. T. Thompson, ord; M. W. Miherger licensed.
Blooming Grove—M. Williams, ordained; R. F. Estis, licensed.
Bethsadia—W. N. Taylor,
Clear Creek—H. L. McCrary, ord; G. A. Rhodes, licensed.
Sardis, No 2.—Wilson Daily, ordained.
Trinity—M. Frost. Respectfully submitted,

N. POSEY,
JOHN D. BUTLER.
R. J. MAYFIELD, Committee.

Resolved, That the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for and that the mission funds, etc., be sent as directed by the churches, and the Associational fund be paid to the clerk for preparing the minutes for the printer, and the distribution of the same.

Treasurer's Report,

Rec., of Finance Com.,	Minute fund,	\$ 22.05
	Associational funds,	6.70
	Home mission,	1.80
	Foreign mission,	4.55
	Domestic missions,	.55
	State missions,	.25
		— 35.90
Paid out, for printing minutes	\$22.05	
Paid Clerk, for services.	6.70	
Paid W.C.Bledsoe, Sec and Treas of Mission Board.	7.15	
Total paid out,	—	\$35.90. D. S. McCULLAR, Treas.
Appointed D. S. McCullar, treasurer for the next Associational year.		

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the next meeting of this body:

Sabbath Schools—N. H. Estis, J. A. Defore, G. W. Hilton,

Foreign Missions—G. W. Davis, G. B. Lester, B. G. Ray,

Home Missions—D. S. McCullar, J. J. Butler, J. A. Scogin;

State Missions—W. P. Salter, L. A. Cummings, H. L. McCrary.

Temperance—Wilson Daily, W. W. Davis, J. C. Cooper,

Ministerial Education—G. W. Hilton, B. G. Ray, T. M. Martin,

Education—D. S. McCullar, G. W. Gibson, J. T. Harris.

Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations, as follows:

To Cullman Association: G. B. Lester, A. H. Lay,

North River Association: T. P. Southerland, D. S. McCullar, W. P. Salter,

Mussel Shoals Association: J. B. Sims, H. A. Wright.

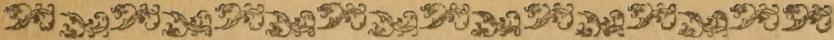
Appointed G. W. Davis, T. P. Southerland, D. S. McCullar, delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Resolution. We the Clear Creek Baptist Association in session hereby return our thanks to Houston church and friends for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay among them. A more Christian and kind people we have never met. --G. B. Lester.

The Association adjourned to meet with the New Prospect Baptist Church, Winston county, Ala. near Haleyville, on Friday before the 1st. Sabbath in October A. D. 1898. T. P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator
D. S. McCULLAR, Clerk.

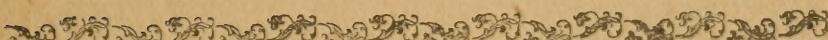
—*Order * of * Business.*—

- I. Introductory sermon.
- II. Intermission.
- III. Call Association to order.
- IV. Call the names of the Churches.
- V. Read letters and enroll delegate's names.
- VI. Election of officers.
- VII. Call for petitionary letters.
- VIII. Call for Correspondence—Inviting visiting brethren.
- IX. Appoint Committee on Devotional Exercise.
- X. Appoint committee on Finance and Nominations.
- XI. Read report of Committee on Devotional Exercises.
- XII. Appoint the following committees: 1st, On Credentials—2nd, Aged Ministers.—3rd. Home Mission.—5th. Foreign Mission, — 6th. Temperance.—7th, Sabbath Schools.—8th, Vocal Music.—9th, Education —10th, Documents.
- XIII. Miscellaneous business, and Missionary report.
- XIV. Read Treasurer's report, and appoint Treasurer.
- XV. Call for reports of Committees in the order appointed.
- XVI. Appoint correspondence.
- XVII. Read minutes—Call roll—Adjourn.



—* RULES * OF * DECORUM.*—

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. But one person shall speak at a time and he shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the question, or uses words of personal reflection.
4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.
5. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
6. When any question is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the question by ayes and nays, or otherwise, and the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.
7. No person shall depart from the Association without leave of the Moderator
8. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave obtained.
9. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address one to another:
10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the privileges as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to fill his seat while he is talking or otherwise, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
11. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the Association thinks proper, only on the day the offence shall have occurred.



Statistical Report of the Churches, 1897.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks,	Post office,	
Union Grove...	G. W. Davis...	L. H. Davis...	Biler...	Baptized...
Sardis, No 1...	G. W. Davis...	C. A. League...	Lynn...	Fee, by Letter...
Rock Creek...	T. P. Southerland...	G. W. Adams...	Double Springs...	Excluded...
Macedonia, ...	G. W. Davis...	J. T. Hackett...	Biler...	Destroyed...
Liberty Grove...	T. P. Southerland...	J. S. Conway...	Biler...	Left...
Shift...	J. K. P. Taylor,	A. L. Mana co.,	Kinlock...	2, 62, 2
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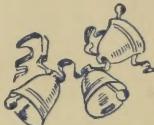
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